



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS

SUBJECT Dale Earnhardt

FILE NUMBER 9-70288

SECTION NUMBER 1



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA.

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile

☒ ~~MAIL~~

PRECEDENCE

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
☐ UNCLAS

Date 6/18/87

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTENTION: LABORATORY DIVISION, DOCUMENT SECTION

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (9A-1497) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; ~~THREAT TO KILL~~
~~DALE FRANK~~
~~NASCAR DRIVER,~~
~~DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA,~~ *Crime city/et.*
~~5/27/87; Crime date~~
 OO:JK ~~et~~

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Re JK teletype to Director, BA BU, CE, and PH,
 dated 5/28/87.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are the original threatening letter and envelope received at Daytona Beach, Florida, 5/27/87. Also, xeroxed copies of letter and envelope to all receiving offices.

For information FBI Laboratory, on 5/27/87, the enclosed threatening letter was received at DAYTONA BEACH INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY, Daytona Beach, Florida, postmarked 5/25/87, Elmira, New York (149), addressed to Mr. BILL FRANCE, in care of NASCAR, 1801 Volusia Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida, 32015. The letter is either printed on a word processor or typewriter.

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On 5/28/87, [REDACTED]
 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STOCK CAR AUTO RACING (NASCAR), INC., Daytona Beach, Florida, made available the original letter

- ② - Bureau (Enc.-2)
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- 2 - Buffalo (Enc.-2)
- 2 - Charlotte (Enc.-2)
- 2 - Philadelphia (Enc.-2)
- 2 - Jacksonville

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and envelope. She indicated that she had block stamped the letter as being received on 5/27/87. She dated and initialed the letter and furnished it to the FBI.

On 5/28/87, [REDACTED] b7C
DAYTONA BEACH INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY, Daytona Beach, Florida, believed that the letter was a direct relationship to an incident that occurred at the CHARLOTTE SPEEDWAY, Charlotte, North Carolina, on Sunday, 5/17/87, wherein BILL ELLIOTT, a popular NASCAR driver, was bumped by ERNHART during the race and, subsequently, ERNHART won the race. ERNHART and ELLIOTT were both fined \$2,500.00 and posted \$75,000.00 bonds returnable if no future incidents occur during the racing season.

On 5/28/87, AUSA BRUCE HINSHELWOOD, Middle District of Florida (MDF), Orlando, Florida, advised that he considers the letter a definite violation of the Extortion Statute, and is willing to prosecute if a subject is identified.

In view of threat, subject should be considered armed and dangerous.

LEADS

All receiving offices should contact the local police department or appropriate track security in an effort to determine identity of subject.

BUFFALO DIVISION

AT ELMIRA, NEW YORK:

Will display xeroxed copy of letter to local authorities to determine if additional threats received by their departments similar to enclosed letter. (Note envelope postmarked Elmira, New York (149), May 25, 1987)

AT WATKINS GLEN:

Will notify [REDACTED] WATKINS b7C
GLEN SPEEDWAY, of possible threat.

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CHARLOTTE DIVISION

AT MOORESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA:

Will maintain contact with DALE ERNHART
re additional threats.

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

AT LONG POND, PENNSYLVANIA:

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Will notify [REDACTED] re
possible threat.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA:

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NASCAR, re additional threats.

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Request of the Bureau, FBI Laboratory:

It is requested the Latent Fingerprint Section
examine the document for latent prints.

It is requested the FBI Laboratory forward the
document to the Document Section for comparison with Extortion
notes.

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INBOX.9 (#8305)

TEXT:

VZCZCJ 0008

PP HQ BA BU CE PH

DE JK #0008 1482335

ZNR UUUUU

P 282324Z MAY 87

FM JACKSONVILLE (9-1497) (P)

TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

BALTIMORE PRIORITY

BUFFALO PRIORITY

CHARLOTTE PRIORITY

PHILADELPHIA PRIORITY

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UNCLAS

UNSUB; THREAT TO KILL DALE ERNHART, NASCAR DRIVER, DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA; MAY 27, 1987; OO: JACKSONVILLE. *EXT*

REFERENCE JACKSONVILLE TELCALL TO ASAC, CHARLOTTE AND DOVER RA DATED MAY 27, 1987.

LETTER RECEIVED, DAYTONA BEACH INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY,

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, POSTMARKED MAY 25, 1987, ELMIRA, NEW YORK

(149), ADDRESSED TO MR. BILL FRANCE, C/O NASCAR, 1801 VOLUNTEER

AVENUE, DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, 32015. THE LETTER, EITHER

29 MAY 87 07 55

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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PRINTED ON WORD PROCESSOR OR TYPEWRITER. AS FOLLOWS:

"DEAR MR. FRANCE: WHEN NASCAR COMES NORTH TO POCONO, WATKINS GLEN, AND DOVER I SUGGEST YOU LEAVE DALE ERNHART HOME. IF HE COMES TO RACE I ADVISE HIM TO 1) HAVE SOME BODYGUARDS, OR 2) WEAR A BULLET-PROOF VEST. I WILL BE AT ONE TRACK, PROBABLY ALL THREE WITH MY 30.06. WHEN I GET A CLEAR SHOT

YOU FUCKING PEOPLE WON'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT HIS DIRTY DRIVING, SO SOMEONE ELSE WILL HAVE TO. HE HAS PUSHED HIS WAY AROUND NASCAR TRACKS FOR TOO LONG. IF THAT FUCKING SON OF A BITCH WANTS TO DRIVE LIKE THAT, THEN LET HIM DRIVE A SUPER MODIFIED ON THE DIRT TRACKS. THEN HE WILL GET PUSHED BACK, PROBABLY RIGHT OFF THE TRACK AND INTO THE FIELD WHERE HE BELONGS. YOU KEEP TALKING ABOUT THE INTEGRITY OF THE SPORT, AND LET HIM GET AWAY WITH ALL HIS SHIT.

IT'S TOO BAD ELLIOT DIDN'T TAKE HIM OUT. YOU ASSHOLES HAD BETTER GET YOUR SHIT TOGETHER OR YOU'RE GOING TO BE SHORT ONE DRIVER. TELL DALE TO WATCH HIS ASS WHERE EVER HE GOES."

ON MAY 27, 1987, [REDACTED] DAYTONA BEACH INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY, NOTIFIED [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] AND DALE ERNHART, 704 [REDACTED] (HOME) AND

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704/632-4410 (OFFICE) OF THREAT. [] ALSO NOTIFIED []
[] DOVER DOWNS (302 []) OF POSSIBLE THREAT
AS NASCAR RACE SCHEDULED AT DOVER SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1987. ERNHART
DUE TO LEAVE MOREHEAD, NORTH CAROLINA EN ROUTE TO DOVER A.M. MAY
28, 1987 FOR RACES.

NASCAR ALSO HAS RACES SCHEDULED AT DOVER SEPTEMBER 20, 1987;
POCANO SPEEDWAY JUNE 14, 1987; AND WATKINS GLEN AUGUST 9, 1987.

[] SUGGESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE BE NOTIFIED: (1)
[] POCANO SPEEDWAY, POST OFFICE BOX 500, LONG
POND ROAD, LONG POND, PENNSYLVANIA. (2) []
[] WATKINS GLEN, POST OFFICE BOX 500, WATKINS GLEN, NEW
YORK, OF POSSIBLE THREAT AT THEIR SPEEDWAYS.

LETTER BEING FORWARDED VIA AIR MAIL TO FBI LABORATORY,
AUSA, MDF, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, WILLING TO PROSECUTE IF SUBJECT
IDENTIFIED. IN VIEW OF THREAT, SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD CONTACT LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT
OR TRACK SECURITY TO DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL THREATS RECEIVED RE
ERNHART.

LEADS: BALTIMORE AT DOVER: MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH []

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[REDACTED]

BUFFALO AT WATKINS GLEN: WILL NOTIFY [REDACTED] RE
THREAT.

BUFFALO AT ELMIRA: WILL UPON RECEIPT OF XEROX COPY OF
LETTER, CONTACT LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT RE SUSPECTS.

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CHARLOTTE AT MOREHEAD: MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH DALE ERNHART
AND [REDACTED]

PHILADELPHIA AT LONG POND: MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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FILES. INCOMING. DAY 1-7. 141 (#2941)

TEXT:

VZCZCBAO020

RR HQ BU CE JK PH

DE BA #0020 1522111

ZNR UUUUU

R 012110Z JUN 87

FM BALTIMORE (9A-3258) (SQ 14) (P)

TO ACTING DIRECTOR ROUTINE

BUFFALO ROUTINE

CHARLOTTE ROUTINE

JACKSONVILLE ROUTINE

PHILADELPHIA ROUTINE

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UNCLAS

UNSUB; THREAT TO KILL DALE EARNHARDT, NASCAR DRIVER, DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA; MAY 27, 1987; OO:JACKSONVILLE EXT

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED MAY 28, 1987.

DURING THE PERIOD MAY 29 - 31, 1987, SSRA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND SA [REDACTED] MAINTAINED CONTACT AT DOVER
DOWNS WITH [REDACTED] TRACK SECURITY;

NASCAR OFFICIALS; DALE EARNHARDT; AND [REDACTED]

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE INTERVIEWED:

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JAN 19 1988

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TELETYPE
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JUN 24 1987

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[REDACTED] NASCAR; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NASCAR; [REDACTED]

NASCAR;

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DALE EARNHARDT, DRIVER; [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] 302'S TO FOLLOW.

NO POSITIVE INFORMATION DEVELOPED CONCERNING LETTER WRITER. NO ADDITIONAL THREATS REPORTED. INTERVIEWEES RELATE OCCASION HARASSING PHONE CALLS FROM A FEW IRATE FANS, BUT NOTHING SIMILAR TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE THREATING LETTER OR SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TOWARD EARNHARDT.

INTERVIEWEES ADVISED TO CONTACT FBI WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY ADDITIONAL THREATING LETTERS OR PHONE CALLS.

DALE EARNHARDT RELATED THAT IF THE LETTER WRITER WERE TO ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT SUCH A THREAT, EARNHARDT WOULD BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRACKS AT POCONO AND WATKINS GLEN, DUE TO THE LAYOUT OF THE TWO TRACKS THAT ALLOWS INFIELD FANS CLOSER TO THE TRACK. HE ADVISED THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE AT WATKINS GLEN WHERE FANS ARE ABLE TO SIT IN THE GRASS AMONG TREES IN THE INFIELD CLOSE TO THE TRACK.

EARNHARDT ADVISED HE IS TO BE AT POCONO FOR RACE JUNE 11-14, 1987, AND JULY 16-19, 1987; WATKINS GLEN FOR TESTING,

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JULY 31, 1987, ~~AND~~ FOR RACE AUGUST 5-9, 1987; AND BACK DOVER
DOWNS FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 1987, RACE.

EARNHARDT LEFT DOVER, DELAWARE, VIA PRIVATE AIRPLANE OF

8:30 P.M., MAY 31, 1987, ENROUTE TO NORTH
CAROLINA.

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CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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INBOX.19 (#0003)

TEXT:
VZCZCPHC012

RR HQ BA BU JV

DE PH #0012 160232Z

ZNR UUUUU

R 0122025Z JUN87

FM PHILADELPHIA (9A-5235) (SRA)(P)

TO BUREAU (ROUTINE)

BALTIMORE (9A-3258) (ROUTINE)

BUFFALO (ROUTINE)

JACKSONVILLE (9A-1497) (ROUTINE)

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U N C L A S

UNSUB; THREAT TO KILL DALE EARNHARDT, NASCAR DRIVER, DAYTONA
BEACH, FLORIDA, 5/27/87; OO:JACKSONVILLE *EXT*

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED 5/28/87.

ON 6/13 AND 6/14/87, SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE SCRANTON RESIDENT
AGENCY, PHILADELPHIA DIVISION, MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH OFFICIALS
OF THE POCONO INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY AND OFFICIALS OF NASCAR
REGARDING CAPTIONED THREAT.

NASCAR RACE COMPLETED WITHOUT INCIDENT. EARNHARDT DEPARTED
CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Exec AD Inv	
Exec AD LES	
Asst Dir	
Adm Servs	
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RECEIVED
TELETYPE UNIT

16 JUN 87 06 40

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OF INVESTIGATION

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[Handwritten initials]

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POCONO INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY EN ROUTE HIS HOME IN NORTH CAROLINA
VIA PRIVATE PLANE EVENING OF 6/14/87.

NO ADDITIONAL LETTERS OR THREATS RECEIVED. NO ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

LEAD PHILADELPHIA. AT LONG POND; WILL RECONTACT POCONO
INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY OFFICIALS AND NASCAR OFFICIALS REGARDING
NASCAR EVENT AT POCONO INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY FROM 7/16-7/19/87 IN
WHICH EARNHARDT IS SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE.

CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1 Mr.

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To: SAC, Jacksonville (9A-1497)

June 30, 1987

FBI FILE NO. 9-70288

LAB. NO. 70603011 D SM

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UNSUB;
THREAT TO KILL
DALE EARNHARDT,

Re: NASCAR DRIVER,
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA,
5/27/87

DALE ERNHART

OO: Jacksonville

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Communication dated June 1, 1987

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received: June 3, 1987

Specimens:

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "ELMIRA, NY 149 PM 25 MAY 1987" bearing the typewritten address "Mr. Bill France c/o NASCAR 1801 Volusia Ave. Daytona Beach, Fl 32015"
- Q2 Accompanying typewritten letter beginning "Dear Mr. France: When..."

Result of examination:

The submitted evidence could not be associated with any material maintained in the Anonymous Letter File. Appropriate copies were added thereto.

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The submitted evidence contains an impact, dot-matrix style of computer generated printing, having a horizontal spacing of 10 characters per inch. No watermarks or indented writing were detected to assist in identifying its immediate source or origin.

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Disposition is being handled separately by the Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division. Photographs are being retained in the Laboratory.

TED:sgc#72(4)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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6/5/87

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6/3/87

To: SAC, Jacksonville (9A-1497)

FBI FILE NO.

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LAB. NO.

70603011 D SM

YOUR NO.

Re: UNSUB;
THREAT TO KILL
DALE ERNHART, ERNHARDT
NASCAR DRIVER,
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA,
5/27/87

Examination by:

JMO 4/27/87

OO: Jacksonville

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Results

The submittal contains a single, dot-matrix style of computer generated printing, having a horizontal spacing of 10 char. per inch. No watermarks or indented writing were detected to assist in identifying its immediate source or origin. Copy is being handled separately by the LPA of the Identification Division. Photographs are being retained.

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6/26/87

TED:sgc.

Examiner's Name

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Date

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Lab #

70503011

Recognition Section:

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National Fraudulent Check File

Date Searched	Date Added	
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_____	_____	Master Check Section
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_____	_____	Counterfeit Money Orders
_____	_____	Counterfeit Checks
_____	_____	Altered Travelers Checks
_____	_____	Altered Money Orders
_____	_____	Raised Bank Checks
_____	_____	Checks prepared with False "Certified" Impressions
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Stolen Money Orders & Travelers Checks Section:**Travelers Checks - Type**

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To #

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Money Orders - Type

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Date:

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Roll #:

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CT# 111053

Evidence Files Searched

	Section(s) Searched	Date Searched	Section(s) Added	Date Added
Art				
Bank Robbery Note File				
Motor Vehicle Title				
Anonymous Letter File:				

Motive _____

State(s) _____

VIP _____

Bombing _____

Other _____

Typewriter Information:

Measures 254 - dot matrix

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9.45 x 4.20 x 0.0042

02 11.0 x 8.59 x 0.0042

11.0 x 8.55 x 0.0042

Standards Files Searched

Date
Searched

Tire Tread

Shoe Print

Typewriter

Watermark

Office Copier

Safety Paper

Computer Print ~~Out~~

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No IW & WM

FSDA - meq

Remarks:

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"LAPS WILL PROCESS AND RETURN
THE SUBMITTED EVIDENCE"

FILE # 9-70288-2

CONTENTS: LAB WORKSHEET ITEMS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

70603011 Sm

Dear Mr. France:

When NASCAR comes north to Pocono, Watkins Glen, and Dover I suggest you leave Dale Earnhart home. If he comes to race I advise him to 1) have some bodyguards, or 2) wear a bullet-proof vest. I will be at one track, probably all three with my 30.06. When I get a clear shot....

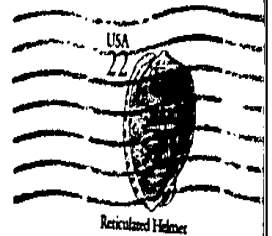
You fucking people won't do anything about his dirty driving, so someone else will have to. He has pushed his way around NASCAR tracks for too long. If that fucking son of a bitch wants to drive like that, then let him drive a super modified on the dirt tracks. Then he would get pushed back, probably right off the track and into the field where he belongs. You keep talking about the integrity of the sport, and let him get away with all his shit.

It's too bad Elliot didn't take him out. You assholes had better get your shit together or you're going to be short one driver. Tell Dale to watch his ass WHEREEVER he goes.

MAY 27 1987
J.M.
5/28/87 BOK 5/28/87



Mr. Bill France
c/o NASCAR
1801 Volusia Ave.
Daytona Beach,
FL 32015



DEC 5 1987



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1497 (P)
FBI FILE NO. 9-70288
LATENT CASE NO. C-66167

7/6/87

TO: SAC, Jacksonville

RE: UNSUB;
THREAT TO KILL DALE ERNHART
NASCAR DRIVER
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA
5/27/87

REFERENCE: Airtel 6/1/87
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Jacksonville
SPECIMENS: Q1, envelope
Q2, letter

The listed Q specimens are further described in a separate Laboratory report.

No latent prints of value were developed on the enclosed specimens.

Enc. (2)

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CMB:kmf kmf
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICERECORDED
6/5/87
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6/3/87

Recorded 6/24/87

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Received 6/24/87

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NASCAR DRIVER,
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA,
5/27/87

OO: Jacksonville

FBI FILE NO.

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LAB. NO. 70603011 D SM

YOUR NO. LC#C-66167

Examination by.

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Noted By:

Examination requested by:

Addressee

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- 6/26 CJB-

Perd spec. n/w. no lab. for value
Spec. included

1-11/11/87
Ans'd
7/6/87
CJB:KMF

Examination Completed 7:30 AM

Time

Date

Date

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

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☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 6/1/87

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTENTION: LABORATORY DIVISION, DOCUMENT SECTION

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (9A-1497) (P)

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 2 - Buffalo (Enc.-2)
 2 - Charlotte (Enc.-2)
 2 - Philadelphia (Enc.-2)
 2 - Jacksonville
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3:37 PM 6/1/87

Approved: _____ Transmitted _____ (Number) (Time) Per _____

9-70288

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and envelope. She indicated that she had block stamped the letter as being received on 5/27/87. She dated and initialed the letter and furnished it to the FBI.

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On 5/28/87, [REDACTED] DAYTONA BEACH INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY, Daytona Beach, Florida, believed that the letter was a direct relationship to an incident that occurred at the CHARLOTTE SPEEDWAY, Charlotte, North Carolina, on Sunday, 5/17/87, wherein BILL ELLIOTT, a popular NASCAR driver, was bumped by ERNHART during the race and, subsequently, ERNHART won the race. ERNHART and ELLIOTT were both fined \$2,500.00 and posted \$75,000.00 bonds returnable if no future incidents occur during the racing season.

On 5/28/87, AUSA BRUCE HINSHELWOOD, Middle District of Florida (MDF), Orlando, Florida, advised that he considers the letter a definite violation of the Extortion Statute, and is willing to prosecute if a subject is identified.

In view of threat, subject should be considered armed and dangerous.

LEADS

All receiving offices should contact the local police department or appropriate track security in an effort to determine identity of subject.

BUFFALO DIVISION

AT ELMIRA, NEW YORK:

Will display xeroxed copy of letter to local authorities to determine if additional threats received by their departments similar to enclosed letter. (Note envelope postmarked Elmira, New York (149), May 25, 1987)

AT WATKINS GLEN:

Will notify [REDACTED] WATKINS GLEN SPEEDWAY, of possible threat.

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CHARLOTTE DIVISION

AT MOORESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA:

Will maintain contact with DALE ERNHART
re additional threats.

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

AT LONG POND, PENNSYLVANIA:

Will notify [REDACTED] re
possible threat.

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JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA:

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NASCAR, re additional threats.

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Request of the Bureau, FBI Laboratory:

It is requested the Latent Fingerprint Section
examine the document for latent prints.

It is requested the FBI Laboratory forward the
document to the Document Section for comparison with Extortion
notes.

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FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
☐ UNCLAS

Date 7/28/87

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9A-5235) (SRA) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: UNSUB;
 THREAT TO KILL DALE EARNHARDT,
 NASCAR DRIVER,
 DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA,
 5/27/87;
 EXT (A)
 (OO: JACKSONVILLE)

Re Jacksonville teletype to Bureau, dated 5/28/87.

Inasmuch as all logical investigation has been conducted at Philadelphia; and the fact that both NASCAR races at Pocono Raceway in which EARNHARDT was scheduled to appear have transpired without incident, no further investigation is being conducted.

② Bureau
 1-Buffalo (Info)
 2-Jacksonville (9A-1497)
 1-Philadelphia (9A-5235) (SRA)
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Memorandum



To ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI Date 10/28/87

From SAC, JACKSONVILLE (9A-1497) (C)

Subject

UNSUB;
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DALE EARNHART,
NASCAR DRIVER,
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA,
5/27/87; EXT
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Re JK teletype to the Director, BA, BU, CE,
and PH, dated 5/28/87.

In report dated 6/30/87, the Laboratory Division
reported that no latent prints of value were developed
on the specimen submitted. The submitted evidence could
not be associated with any material maintained in the
anonymous letter file.

The report did indicate that the evidence contains
an impact dot-matrix style of computer generated printing,
having a horizontal spacing of 10 characters per inch.
No water marks or indented writing were detected to assist
in the identifying its immediate source or origin.

Investigation by receiving offices failed to
identify any suspects concerning this matter, and all
logical investigation has been conducted with negative
results; therefore, this matter is being closed by the
Jacksonville Division at this time.

- ② - Bureau
 - 1 - Baltimore (9A-3258) (Squad 14) (Info.)
 - 1 - Buffalo (9A-1755)
 - 1 - Charlotte
 - 1 - Philadelphia (9A-5235) (SRA)
 - 1 - Jacksonville
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